

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
TOURISM AND CULTURE
LOK SABHA**

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ANTIQUITIES FROM BRITAIN
RAMANAND SINGH

Will the Minister of TOURISM AND CULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Bharhut under Satana district of Madhya Pradesh was full of Buddhist era antiquities;
- (b) whether the Government are aware that valuable antiquities of Bharhut were taken to London (Britain) during British period which are still in its museum of England;
- (c) whether some antiquities of Bharhut have also been kept in museum of Calcutta and Allahabad;
- (d) whether the Government are taking steps to bring Buddhist era antiquities back from London and also from museums of Calcutta and Allahabad back to Bharhut so that it regains its old glory; and
- (e) if so, the details thereof ?

Answer

MINISTER OF TOURISM AND CULTURE (SHRI ANANTH KUMAR)

- (a): Yes, Sir.
- (b): Government do not have verifiable information in this regard.
- (c): Yes, Sir.
- (d): Government do not have any proposal in this regard.
- (e): Question does not arise.